

# Mobilities

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## Latvia Trip

### Sunday:

We left Munich on Sunday the 14 of April and flew to the Riga airport where we were picked up and driven to our hotel, Konventa Seta, at approximately 22.00.

### Monday:

The next morning, we met at breakfast the Italian group but we only met for five minutes. We then headed out for a trip around Riga and had lunch in a restaurant. Later on, the Turkish group joined the hotel and so, the group. We then later left the hotel and were driven in the boarding school bus to the school. We arrived at 17.00 and were immediately given the keys to our room. We hosted the music classroom and from what we know, we were the only group to sleep in a classroom. The others had a normal one. We then had dinner in a special room next to the canteen and once we were finished, we headed out to the school's computer room to write an international dictionary regrouping all the nationalities of all the countries from the group. We then had a sport session where we played hockey, volleyball and basketball.



### Tuesday:



We met the Spanish group which had arrived late in the night at the breakfast table. The teachers came from the hotel to the school, and after breakfast, we were handed out paper signs where we should write our names on them. We then had a welcome assembly in front of the school where all the children sang and danced to Latvian music. Every group presented their presentations. We then took the bus to Rundale palace which is the most rich and famous palace of Latvia. It was still in Renovation so not all rooms were accessible but it was all decorated in a nice poetic art. We had lunch in a restaurant under the palace where they also installed a museum with the palaces history. We came back to the school where there was a velotrail demonstration shown by 2 professionals from Latvia. After dinner, every group went into a different class where we found students who were learning German and discussed different cultures and music.

### Wednesday:

We got up and made sandwiches to eat in the bus on the way to get the teachers , to then go to a bike museum in Saulkrasti which is 1 hour away from Riga. It was a small house filled with bikes from different years, from the first ones to the latest ones and all the accessories that go on a bike. A small area also showed how bikes used to be built. We ate lunch near the sea where two boys from our group , Julian and Jannis had a great idea to go swim in the sea but they eventually didn't hold any longer than 3 seconds in the water. We then borrowed bikes to go cycling on the beach to the aqua park. Where we spent the rest of the afternoon.



### Thursday:

We had a guided sightseeing tour of Riga where we were told about the “Jugend-Styl häuser” in German. We visited the municipality and the mayor of Iecava told us about the problem they had faced and still face in Latvia. Later the girls of our group prepared “Gnocchi di Patate” whilst the boys were playing football with the groups including the Latvians. We ate dinner and there was then a party in the sport hall where everybody danced.

**Friday:** we came back to the hotel and we were later driven to the airport and had to leave with sad smiles on our faces.

But at least it was a great experience .

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